

FOREWORD

As the first Editor-in-Chief of the University of Pennsylvania *Journal of International Business Law* ("UPAJIBL"), I have been given the distinct honor of writing the foreword to this issue of the University of Pennsylvania *Journal of International Economic Law* ("JIEL"), Twenty-Fifth Anniversary commemorative edition. My perspective is a unique one since I served UPAJIBL as Editor-in-Chief during 1986-1987 and observed JIEL—seventeen years later—as a visiting professor at Penn Law. From my vantage point, JIEL has been and will continue to be an integral part of Penn Law School due in no small part to the efforts of the students who have devoted their talents and energy to the *Journal* over the years. The purpose of this foreword is to express appreciation for the tireless efforts of three generations of students: those who initiated the *Journal*, those who institutionalized it as UPAJIBL, and those who professionalized it as JIEL.

Initially, I express my appreciation to the first generation of entrepreneurial students who took over the editorial responsibilities of the *Journal of Comparative Business and Capital Market Law*. As Allen Wasserman recounts in his foreword to Volume 25:1, the student editors had little support and lots of work to do. Fortunately, they did have the steady guidance of Dean Robert Mundheim and Professor Noyes Leech, who allowed the *Journal* to take its rightful place as Penn Law School's second student-run publication.

Next, I express my appreciation to the second generation of students (my generation), who institutionalized UPAJIBL within the law school and the larger academic community. As Editor-in-Chief during UPAJIBL's inaugural year, my formidable task was to bring the *Journal* "home" to the law school. Not only did our staff have the usual challenges of meeting deadlines and finding obscure sources, but also had added responsibilities such as designing a new journal cover, increasing our subscription base, negotiating a relationship with a new publisher, and making sure that UPAJIBL was included in the annual writing competition for selection of new members. I had the great fortune of having the most hard-working editorial board and staff, who almost never said no to my requests. Dean Mundheim's continued role as faculty advisor gave UPAJIBL coherence and vision.

Finally, I express my appreciation to the third generation of students, who professionalized the *Journal* through its evolution to *JIEL*. *JIEL* is regarded as a premier specialty journal from one of the top law schools. The *Journal* attracts articles from leading scholars in the field of international economic law; the current issue shows the diversity of topics that fall within the *Journal's* scope. Now well-established in the law school and the wider academic community, the *Journal* can focus on improving its quality and status. To this end, *JIEL* hosts an annual symposium with the Institute for Law and Economics that brings academics, practitioners, and policymakers to Penn Law School for vigorous discussion of cutting edge issues. *JIEL* is here to stay.

JIEL's professional quality is due in no small part to the caliber of the students who run the *Journal*. The student staff members that I had the pleasure to work with (and teach) were articulate, thoughtful, and energetic. They are willing to take on any task, big or small, that might enhance the quality of the *Journal*. They think as carefully about the long-term future of the *Journal* as they do about meeting the next publication deadline. And the administration and faculty support the students in any way they can while still ensuring that the students retain editorial control.

So thanks to the first three generations of student editors, and good luck to the next three!

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